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A Letter written by Mr. G. from Rome, to Mr. M. at Munster.

Sir,

I Write you an impartial Account of what pass'd in the Consistorial Congregation held here the 23d of this Month, to examine the Validity or Invalidity of the Elections made at Munster the End of August and the 30th of September.

That Congregation was compos'd of 26 Cardinals and Prelates, and was empower'd to consult on an important Affair that has made so great a Noise in the World, but not to decide it, the Pope referring that to himself after they should make their Report to him. It may be said of this Congregation, *quot Capita tot Sensus*, for they were divided into Eleven different Opinions, which were reduc'd into 4 Classes.

In the first Class were 7 Persons intirely devoted to France and modern Spain. The Cardinal de la Trimouille, a Frenchman, and Successor at Rome of Cardinal Janfon de Pourbin. Cardinal Giudici, a Spaniard in the Interest of the House of Bourbon, born at Naples. Cardinal Cassoni, a great Friend of Messieurs Plettenberg and Furstenberg. Cardinal Pignatelli Archbishop of Naples, who dares not act but as directed by France. Cardinal Prioli devoted to France. Monsigr. Corradini, a Neapolitan, Monsigr. Passionei. Of these 7 Voices, 5 are absolute, in favour of the Bishop of Paderborn, viz. Trimouille, Giudici, Cassoni, Prioli, and Corradini. Pignatelli and Passionei's Voices were very equivocal, they having added, that if the Bishop of Paderborn was not confirm'd, the Bishop of Osnabrug ought to be confirm'd.

The second Class, tho' intirely devoted to France, is more against the Bishop of Paderborn than for him; because they suppose his Elections to be Defective, and advise the supplying of those Defects. Their Names are, Cardinal Ottoboni, who has openly engag'd in the Interests of France. Cardinal Panciatici, a Florentine, and an avow'd Partisan of France. Cardinal Sacripanti, who leans towards the two Crowns. Cardinal Panfili, a Roman, who leans the same Way. Monsigr. Sergandi: Monsigr. Minotti. Both Companions of Cardinal Ottoboni. Father Damasceno, a Conventual Monk, a Creature of Cardinal Ottoboni's. These 7 Voices being only Conditional, the Bishop of Paderborn may rather fear than hope any thing from them: They are defective if rightly consider'd, seeing 'tis necessary to supply their Deficiency.

The third Class are of Opinion that neither of the Elections ought to be confirm'd, but that the Bishoprick ought to be conferr'd on the Bishop of Osnabrug. They are, Cardinal Carpegna, Cardinal Pauluzzi, Cardinal Nerli; Cardinal Imperiale, who added it ought to be further examin'd, whether it would be best to confirm the Bishop of Osnabrug; Monsigr. Olivieri, Monsigr. Ansaldo. These 6 Prelates have no Dependence on foreign Potentates, their Voices are absolute, and founded on the German Concordats in which are these express Terms. 'It is our Pleasure likewise, (says the Pope) that in the Metropolitan and Cathedral Churches, even those that are not immediately Subj^t to the holy Apostolical Chair, Elections shall be canonically made and presented to the said Chair, which we will expect within the Time prescrib'd by the Constitution of Pope Nicholas III of bless'd Memory, which begins with the Word *Cupientes*. Which Time being elaps'd, if those Elections have not been presented, or if presented are not duely Canonical, we will ourselves provide; and if they are Canonical we will confirm them; unless that for evident Cause, and by the Advice of our said Brethren (the Cardinals) we shall think we ought to provide a Person more worthy and more useful to the Church, &c.

The 6 Voices of the 4th Class are absolute for confirming the Bishop of Osnabrug. They are, Cardinal Altieri, Cardinal Grimani, Monsigr. Becchetti, Monsigr. Albani, Monsigr. Nuzzi, Monsigr. Gozzadini. Of these 6, only Cardinal Grimani has any Dependence on the Imperial Court.

So that there are 12 Voices absolutely in Favour of the Bishop of Osnabrug; against 5 absolute, 2 equivocal, and 7 conditional Votes, upon which the Party of Paderborn cry Victory. 'Tis certain however, that the Affair is not decided, that the Pope has reserv'd to himself the Decision of it, and that probably he will cause it to be reexamin'd.

I have faithfully related the Fact, without offering to judge of the Right, because I have not espous'd either Party;

Tros, Rutulusve fuit, nullo discrimine babeb.
Rome, Dec. 25. 1706. I am, Sir, &c.

A Letter written by Mr. H. from the Hague, to Mr. N. at Munster.

Sir,

YOU would have oblig'd me in not putting me upon informing you about a Trifle that does not deserve the least Regard. You must really be of a very inquisitive Temper, to be desirous to know what we think of the Letter written by Mr. G. from Rome to Mr. M. at Munster: But if you would have me continue to be your Correspondent, leave me to choose Matter, if you please; or at least don't be so urgent in things not worth the while. Had it not been for you, I should by this time have forgotten that there was one Mr. G. at Rome; and that that worthy Gentleman has undertaken to collect the Chat of the *Piazza Navona* and send it as News to his Friend at Munster. Hitherto his Letter has not had the Success he promis'd himself. He has not been able to persuade any Man of his Impartiality, tho' he has taken the Pains to make Ostentation of it in the Beginning and at the End of his Letter, where to shew his great Reading and profound Erudition he has thought proper to quote a Verse from Virgil, which he very improperly applies to his pretended Sincerity. That Sincerity must be great, since it obliges him to make 12 Opinions of but 4, as you may see by the List I send you, which is copied Word for Word from the Original come from Rome, from a Person not to be suspected, but more sincere or better inform'd than honest Mr. G. I can't conceive how he could imagine to be believ'd on his Word, against so many Persons of Honour, who being in no Interest but that of Truth, have sent higher and to other Places, quite contrary Relations to what he has the Assurance to affirm. And yet less can I conceive how 'tis possible, that desiring to be thought impartial, he should accuse of Corruption and Injustice illustrious Cardinals and worthy Prelates, whom his Holiness would not have chosen to examine so important an Affair, had he not been well perswaded of their Probity and Integrity. If Mr. G. be to be believ'd, of all the Cardinals and Prelates who gave their Voices for his Highness the Bishop of Paderborn, not one was act'd by Motives of his own Conscience. According to him, they are wicked Judges whom Worldly Designs prompted to betray their Honour, Duty, and Justice; and 'tis likely they will always pass for such in the Opinion of our *Novellist*, till they have chang'd their Minds, and have declar'd in Favour of his most serene Highness the Bishop of Osnabrug. I am afraid that even the Sovereign Pontiff himself will not escape being censur'd for Partiality by Mr. G. if it happen, as all Men of Understanding infallibly expect, that his Holiness grant a Bull conformable to the Decision made in the Congregation held the 23d of December.

Don't you think, Sir, a Man must be very warm, or have but few good Reasons to alledge, when to discredit Judges of such a Character as those concern'd in this Matter, he takes up with a wild and groundless Accusation, of their being of the Bourbon

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and Spanish Faction, and such kind of Stuff, fit only to deceive for a few Days those who have not Capacity enough to discern the Motives that govern the Author of the impartial Letter. I could not forbear Laughing, when I saw, that to render the Integrity of Cardinal Cassoni suspected, Mr. G. could find nothing to say, but that *his Eminency is engag'd in a close Friendship with Messieurs Plettenberg and Fürstemberg*. Was ever any thing more silly! those two Gentlemen are so well known and generally esteem'd at Rome as well as in their own Country, that it would be difficult, whatever Change were made in the Congregation, for them not to have some Friend in it among the Cardinals or the Prelates. 'Tis to be fear'd therefore, that in this Respect our Novellist will never want a Pretext for rejecting some one of the Judges that shall be against the Interests of the Party he espouses. What if he should happen to be one of those that made such pressing Instances at Rome, to hinder Cardinal Marescotti, a Man of Integrity if ever any Man was, from having a Place in that Congregation? An Exclusion of that Nature might with just Cause be complain'd of; especially seeing Cardinal Grimani, who on so many Occasions has shewn how much he is devoted to the Court of Vienna, to which he is beholdng for his Purple, and on which he is absolutely dependant, was not excluded from judging of an Affair, in which he might be suspected of being both Judge and Party, by any that are capable of entertaining such unjust Sentiments as does the Novellist of Rome.

I don't understand what he means by his 12 Voices absolutely in Favour of the Bishop of Osnabrug, against 3 absolute, 2 equivocal, and 7 conditional Votes, upon which the Party of Paderborn cry Victory; nor by his 7 Voices that are defective if well consider'd, seeing 'tis necessary to supply their Deficiency. All the rest of the Piece seems to me no less obscure; and I wonder the Partisans of the House of Lorraine should be weak enough to expose to the publick View such wretched Stuff so ill put together. I am &c.

A List of the Cardinals and Prelates that compos'd the consistorial Congregation held at Rome the 23d of December 1706, to give their Decision on the Election of Munster.

The Figures put before the Names shew the Order in which they voted.

The following 14 voted, that the Election of his Highness the Bishop of Paderborn ought to be confirm'd, as being legal and canonical, without Condition, Ambiguity, or Equivocation.

1. Monsigr. Passionei, Secretary of the consistorial Congregation.
2. Father Damasceno, a Franciscan, Confessor of the Holy Office.
6. Monsigr. Ottoboni, Nephew of Cardinal Ottoboni.
7. Monsigr. Corradini, his Holiness's Auditor.
8. M. Sergandi, Cardinal Ottoboni's Auditor.
15. Cardinal Panciatichi.
16. Cardinal Giudice.
17. Cardinal Sacripante.
20. Cardinal Pignatelli.
22. Cardinal Casoni.
23. Cardinal Tremouille.
24. Cardinal Panfili.
25. Cardinal Ottoboni.
29. Cardinal Prioli.

The following 6 gave their Voices in Favour of his most serene Highness the Bishop of Osnabrug, declaring that his Election ought to be confirm'd.

3. Monsigr. Becchetti, Subdatary to the Pope.
5. Monsigr. Albani, the Pope's Nephew.
10. Monsigr. Nuzzi, Secretary of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars.
11. Monsigr. Gozzadinil, Secretary of the Briefs to Princes.
27. Cardinal Aljeir.
28. Cardinal Grimani.

The following 5 were for declaring the two Elections to be null, and for proceeding to a new one.

4. Monsigr. Olivieri, Secretary of the Briefs.
9. Monsigr. Anfaldi, Auditor of the Rota.
12. Cardinal Carpegna.
13. Cardinal Nerli.
18. Cardinal Paoloucci.

26. Cardinal Imperiale, was for declaring the Election of the Bishop of Paderborn to be null, and for deferring to another time the Examination of that of the Bishop of Osnabrug.

14. Cardinal Spada, and 21. Cardinal Martelli, were not present in the Congregation.

Edinburgh, Jan. 15. Draught of an Act ratifying the Articles of Union, and the Act for Security of

the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Government, given in and offer'd to be read.

Whereupon it was moved, that the Parliament should first proceed to the Constitution of the manner of electing the Representatives of Scotland to the Parliament of Great Britain, and either now to determine the Matter, or to appoint a Diet for that End.

And after Debate the Vote was stated, proceed to the Ratification of the Articles of Union, and Act for Security of the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Government, or to the Constitution of the manner of electing the Representatives for Scotland to the Parliament of Great Britain.

And before Voting it was agreed, that in case it shall carry to proceed to the Ratification, the Parliament will immediately after passing the Act of Ratification, proceed to the Constitution of the Manner of electing the Representatives for Scotland.

Then the Vote was put, proceed to the Ratification or Constitution, and it carried Ratification.

Thereafter the Draught of the Act, ratifying and narrating the Articles of Union, as enlarg'd, explain'd and amended: And an Act for the Security of the Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Church Government, was read.

And after some Discourse it was put to the Vote, mark a first reading, and accordingly a first reading was marked thereon.

Then the Parliament was Adjourn'd till to Morrow.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thursday, the 23d of January, will be reviv'd the Tragedy of Macbeth. With all the Vocal and Instrumental Musick compos'd by Mr. Leveridge, and perform'd by him and others. With Dancing by Monsieur du Ruel, Monsieur Cherrier, Monsieur du Barges, and Mrs. Evans. And on Saturday next will be presented the Opera, call'd, Gamilla.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Wednesday, being the 22d of January, will be presented a Play, call'd, The Rival Queens, with the Death of Alexander the Great. The parts of Alexander by Mr. Verbruggen, Clytus by Mr. Booth, Hephsestion by Mr. Boman, Cassander by Mr. Husband, Statira by Mrs. Bracegirdle, Roxana by Mrs. Barry, Parisatis by Mrs. Porter.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

AN Entertainment by Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtell, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Instruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To be seen this present Evening at 7 a Clock at the Rose Tavern in the Poultry. Price 1 s.

For the Benefit of Mrs. Celett.

In York-Buildings, this present Wednesday, being the Twenty Second of January, will be perform'd a Confort of new Musick (Vocal and Instrumental) by the best Masters: With several Pieces for Trumpets, Hoboys, German Flutes, and Violins; beginning at Six of the Clock. Tickets may be had at Mr. Martin's at the Smyrna Coffee-House, and at the Door, at 5 s. each Ticket.

STolen the 11th Instant Two Bank Notes of said date, one No. 16. payable to Captain Richard Rud for 200 l. and the other No. 17. payable to John Davis for 100 l. If offer'd in Payment pray stop them and acquaint Mr. Thomas Madocks at the Bank of England, and you shall have 2 Guinea's per Cent Reward, Payment being stop'd at the Bank.

A large Oval Silver Snuff Box, with a Coat of Arms 3 Scolop Shells, Engrav'd in a Chever, the inside gilt, lost about St. James's. Whoever brings it to Burton's Coffee-House in King-street St. James's, shall have 5 s. Reward.

To be Sold by Auction, on Friday the 24th of this Instant January, the Household Goods of Mr. Rich. Banckes Merchant deceas'd, at his late Dwelling-House in Leadenhall-street near the East-India-House. The Goods to be seen this day and to Morrow, and on the Day of Sale till 12 a Clock; where Catalogues are to be had.

This Day at 4 in the Afternoon, at the Temple-Chance in Fleet-street, will begin the Sale of the late Sir Robert Thorolds French and Italian Books, being a curious Collection of the best modern Books in most Faculties, neatly bound and giltbacks, and a curious Collection of Italian Prints from Raphael Urbin, by Marc Antonio and others, Annibale Carraccio, Paulo Veronese, P. Callierius, Lanfrancus, Titiano, &c. With the Janssonius Atlas, with the Flandria Illustrata of Ant. Sanderus in 10 Vol. the Maps all curiously painted, and at the same time will be sold a noble Missale Romanum, Graduale Romanum, Breviary Romanum in 3 Vol. upon Imperial Paper bound in Russia Leather, and Sixtus Quintus Bible in 4to. Scamir Turkish Testament, and a very handsome Globe. The Sale to continue daily till all are Sold, Catalogues are deliver'd at the Place of Sale.

In Ayloff-street near Goodman's-Fields is to be Let a very good and large Brick House, well Wainfocored, with a Garden and Counting-house therein, and also good Vaults and all other Conveniences fit for a Merchant. Enquire at Mr. Robinson's and Mr. Arch's Bankers at the Globe in Lombard-street, or at Mr. Robinson's an Attorney in Aldersgate-street.

A New Copy-Book of the English, French, and Italian Capital Letters, done by Command of Hand, by Robert More, who succeeds Col. Ayres at the Hand and Pen in St. Paul's Church-yard, London. Sold by the Author, price 1 s. where may likewise be had The Writing Master's Assistant, a Copy-Book adorn'd with great Variety of Command of Hand, by the same Author, and a Preface by Col. Ayres, price 1 s. 6 d.